GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:79
ANSWERED ON:27.11.2006
BAN ON SUGAR EXPORT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether sugar cooperative societies from various parts of the country have urged the Government to lift ban on export of sugar;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the production of sugar in the country is now sufficient and surplus sugar is available for export;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps initiated by the Government to lift the ban on export of sugar and also to ensure availability of sugar in the domestic market at controlled prices?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 79 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 27.11.2006 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories Ltd., the Maharashtra Rajya Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Sangh Ltd. and Gujarat State Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories Ltd., in their representations dated 7th September, 2006, 11th August, 2006 and 17th November, 2006 have urged the Government to lift the ban on export of sugar.

(c), (d) & (e): Taking into account the estimated production of sugar during the current 2006-07 sugar season and the carry over stocks from the 2005-06 sugar season, after meeting the requirement for internal consumption of sugar and buffer norms, there would be surplus stocks of sugar which can be exported.

The Government is actively considering lifting ban on export of sugar. The exports of sugar would be regulated by export release orders to ensure adequate availability of sugar in the domestic market at reasonable prices.